the Ministry of Finance to give two per-cent additional profit to fertilizer industry;

(b) if so, the basis and justification therefor;

(c) whether any reaction has since been received from Ministry of Finance in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when a final decision in this regard would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Inter-ministerial consultations are in progress on the parameters for the new pricing period for the controlled segment of the fertilizer industry, including the rate of return to be allowed to the industry. Decision of the Government, when taken, will be made known.

(e) No particular date can be indicated at this stage, but every effort will be made to expedite the process.

Price revision of bulk drugs

1907. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several requests for price revision of bulk drugs have been kept whereas in case of certain bulk drugs prices have been revised with utmost speed;

(b) whether any study on this aspect is proposed to be carried out to determine the extent of vested interests; and

(c) what are the details of cases which are pending for more than six month and the details of cases where price increases were allowed within two months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) There is no case of price revision of bulk drug pending with this department for more than six months. Requests for revision are disposed off expeditiously and delays, if any, occur due to the lack of vital information having bearing on the decision. Such issues are also disposed off at the earliest depending upon the availability of information from the concerned manufacturers.

Impact of customs duty reduction on bulk drugs

1908. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the bulk drugs and formulations which have been affected by recent reduction in custom duties;

(b) what is the extent of duty reduction on the connected bulk drugs and formulations;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have not reduced the prices of formulations to the extent of duty reductions;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that duty reduction has been made to enable the importers to jack up cost, insurance and freight import prices; and

(f) if so, the names of the drugs where CIF prices have been increased and what are the names of imported and foreign suppliers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) In the Budget announced for the year 1993-94, the custom duty on drug intermediates/raw materials required for the manufacture of 192 bulk drugs has been reduced from various levels of 110.60 per cent to 50 per cent and the general maximum level of custom duty on bulk drugs/drug intermediates/formulations has also been reduced from 110 per cent to 85 per cent. The names of such bulk drugs/drug intermediates are given in the respective